

ACTION COMICS

ブオゴーストレート

Hao Go Straight

盲導犬歩行指導員



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WE'LL DO
MORE WORK
TOMORROW,
CASPER.



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"PEOPLE ALWAYS
HAVE A FATEFUL
ENCOUNTER THAT
CHANGES THEIR
LIVES."

...IS WHAT
SOMEONE
ONCE SAID.

THAT'S RIGHT.
I ALSO HAD
ONE THAT DAY...



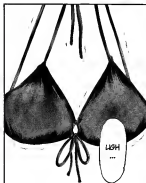
Wanabi!



EVERYTHING'S ON
SCHEDULE.
PREPARE
YOURSELVES.



YOU'LL ALL APPEAR
IN THE OPENING
IN SWIMSUITS,
AND THEN THE
AUDITION WILL
START.



OKAY.

Action Enterprise
New Face Audition Waiting Room





I CAN'T
DO
THIS.



SISTER!
WAIT, NAO!

SOMEHOW I
CAME ALL THE
WAY HERE
BECAUSE YOU
FORCED ME TO...



WHAT
?

JUST SAY
YOU'RE TWO OR
THREE YEARS
YOUNGER.
PEOPLE
DO IT ALL
THE TIME.

YOU'RE 23,
AND I'M 20.
WE'RE ALMOST
TOO OLD TO BE
ENTERTAINERS.
I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO WORRY
ABOUT
YOUR
AGE.

THIS IS A
BIG
CHANCE
FOR ME,
TOO.

YOU'LL BE FINE
IF YOU DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT YOUR
CLOTHES AND
MAKEUP.

I'M
NOT
...

WORRIED
ABOUT
MY AGE.

A BORING
OFFICE
WORKER
DOESN'T HAVE
A FUTURE.

Action Enterprise
New Face Audition

WE'LL STAND OUT
FROM THE REST
AS A PAIR OF
BEAUTIFUL
SISTERS.





I TRY TO GO ALONG
WITH EVERYONE
ELSE...

I END UP
UNDERSTANDING THE
UNSPOKEN EMOTIONS
OF OTHERS...

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH MY
PERSONALITY?

I END UP
MAKING
OTHERS
ANGRY.

WHAT'S THE FUN
IN WORRYING
ABOUT
EVERYONE'S
FEELINGS?

BUT I'LL JUST DRAG
YOU DOWN IF I
AUDITION WHEN I
DON'T WANT TO.

SORRY,
REMI.

BUT THIS
IS MY
LIMIT.

I
UNDERST-
AND.
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN A COWARD
AT CRITICAL
MOMENTS!
YOU'LL NEVER
SHINE!

YOU'RE SUCH A
PAIN!



AND AT
THAT
SAME
MOMENT...

THAT'S WHAT
PEOPLE USED
TO SAY
ABOUT
ME.

ANNOYING
PERSON!









I HATE
MYSELF.

WHY CAN'T I GET
ALONG WITH
OTHERS?

MY ATTEMPTS
TO BE
CONSIDERATE
ALWAYS END
IN FAILURE...



RING
RING



IT'S ME...

HEY, NAO



LISTEN...
WE'VE BEEN
GOING OUT FOR
A YEAR NOW.

I WAS JUST
THINKING OF
CALLING...

TOSHI
HARU



IT'S ONLY
IF YOU
WANT TO GO
HOME WE
CAN CANCEL
DINNER.

I CAN
TELL.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN AT
WORK?

YOU AREN'T
AND YOU
WANT TO
CRY BY
YOURSELF.



LET'S MEET
AND TALK
ABOUT
THIS...

WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE THIS
CONVERSATION
OVER THE
PHONE.

WAIT,
TOSHI
HARU!



BUT I'VE
GOTTEN TIRED
OF THIS.

I MEAN...
I'M THANKFUL YOU
ALWAYS READ MY
FEELINGS AND WERE
KIND TO ME...

I DON'T WANT
IT TO BE A
HASSLE.
SORRY.



IF WE MEET
YOU'LL READ
MY FEELINGS
AND GUESS
THEM AGAIN...



NO WAY!

WHAT?
?



WHAT'S THE
FUN IN
WORRYING
ABOUT
EVERYONE'S
FEELINGS?





NOTHING
GOOD
HAPPENS.

THIS
SUCKS.



I HAVE NO
FUTURES...

HA
HA...

MY PERSONALITY
SUCKS AND I
DON'T HAVE ANY
SKILLS...



I HAVE
NOWHERE TO
GO...



!

WHI-
STLE





WE'RE TOTALLY
HARMLESS.

I WISH SHE
WOULDN'T
IGNORE US.



I'M JEALOUS
OF THE
INCONSIDERATE
AND INSOLENT.

IT'D BE SO
MUCH HAPPIER
IF I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
OTHERS'
FEELINGS.

SHUO.



LEAVE ME
ALONE.

AH.

LET'S
GO.



YOU'RE SUCH
A PAIN.



DON'T CALL ME
A PAIN
ASSHOLE!



I'LL KILL YOU
IF YOU
TOUCH MY
WOMAN!







YOU'RE
NOTHING
SPECIAL!

YOU
DUMB
BITCH!



WHO IS
THIS...

BLIND MAN?



HA HA HA
LOOKS LIKE I
SCARED THEM OFF.





WHO DO THEY
THINK I AM,
DAMN IT?



YOU'RE A
GREAT DRINK!
I LIKE YOU,
NAC!

BRING ME
ANOTHER,
YOU JERKS!



BLURP

YOU GOT A
PROBLEM WITH
ME, YAMAZAKI?





THAT'S RIGHT!
GO NAKED!



I DON'T
WANNA WEAR
A TINY
BEKINI!



YOU'RE
NOT
BAD!



I SURE DO!

YOU'VE GOT
THE RIGHT
IDEA,
YAMAZAKI!



BUT NOTHING WILL
CHANGE MY
PERSONALITY!

MY BOYFRIEND
DUMPED ME
OVER THE
PHONE!

MY GALDY
SISTER
CONTROLS
ME!

I QUIT
AND NOW
I'M
UNEMPLOY-
ED!



YOUR FUTURE'S
PITCH BLACK!



SORRY I
LAUGHED...

SO
...



MY
FUTURE'S
PITCH...

THAT'S
RIGHT!



IS TRULY ENJOYING
HIMSELF...





YOU'VE
GOT A
GREAT
PERSON
ALITY,
NAO.



HUH?







HA HA HA!

YOU'RE NOT
MAKING
ANY
SENSE!

MY
PERSONALITY
CAUSES ME
NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE!

DON'T
MAKE FUN
OF ME,
YAMAZAKI!

YOU'VE GOT AN
AMAZING TALENT, NAO.



BUT...

YAMAZAKI'S
SERIOUS...



WHAT IS MY
TALENT?



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PEOPLE
ALWAYS HAVE
AN ENCOUNTER
THAT CHANGES
THEIR FATE.

LET'S
PRACTICE
HARD.





GO
STRAIGHT.

STEP
2

NOTICE







TELL
ME,
YAMA-
ZAKI!!

HEY, WHAT'S
THIS TALENT
IN ME THAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT!!



THIS
GUY...



OH
MAN...



I'M SUCH
A FOOL
FOR EVEN
BELIEVING
HIM...
ON TOP OF
THAT, WE
WERE DRUNK.
GEEZ...

THERE'S NO
WAY HE CAN
TELL ME WHAT
I'M TALENTED
AT, RIGHT
FROM THE
FIRST
MEETING...



WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
IT...

IN MY
23 YEARS,
I'VE NEVER
THOUGHT OF
MYSELF OF
BEING TALENTED
AT ANYTHING...





HE MUST BE
ABOUT TO MAKE
ONE OF THOSE
WEIRD JOKES
AGAIN...
PLEASE DON'T!



WHY
IS HE
EVEN
WEARING
A WATCH...



WHOA
!!



WHAT
IS
THIS
PLACE?

H-
HEY,
YAMA-
ZAKI!



CLANG
CLANG

SO WAIT
FOR ME
IN HERE.

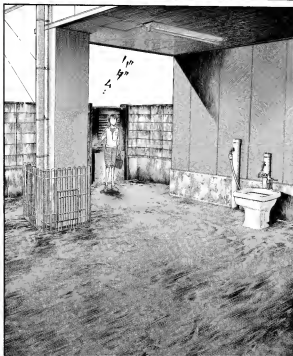


YAMA-
ZAKI!!

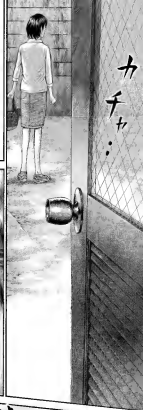


SH?

NAD, I
GOT SOME
OTHER
BUSINESS
FIRST.









THAT
YAMA-
ZAKI!!

THIS
ISN'T
FUNNY!!



I
DON'T
LIKE
THIS...

NOOO
!!

WHA-
AA-
AAA-
AA-
AAA-
AAH
!!!





M-
MY NAME
IS NAO
KONNO...
WHAAAA!!



WHA-
AAAH!!



ARE
YOU A
VISITOR?



AHA, SO
ZAKI
INTRODUCED
YOU HERE.

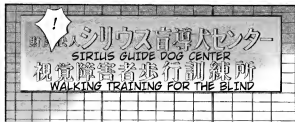
OH...



A GUY
CALLED
YAMA-
ZAKI...
...WHA
!!



WHO
ARE
YOU?







NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
I HAVEN'T
HEARD A SINGLE
BARK FROM
THEM SINCE
EARLIER...

THEY GIVE
OFF A
DIFFERENT
VIBE THAN
PET DOGS
DO...



IT'S AS IF
HE CAN SEE
RIGHT
THROUGH MY
RESTLESS-
NESS...

TH-
THOSE
EYES...

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EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
DOGS...

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
DOGS,
THEY
HAVE A
TALENT.

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
DOGS,
THEY
CONTRIBUTE
TO
SOCIETY...

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
DOGS,
THEY HAVE
A JOB.



WOW
...

THE FIRST
TIME I
HAVE EVER
TOUCHED
A SHIDE
DOG...
THEY'RE SO
WARM!!



THERE'S
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT,
THEY'RE
MORE
ADMIRABLE
THAN ME!



THIS IS
THE
EXERCISE
SPACE...

NOW IS
THEIR
EXERCISE
AND
BATHROOM
BREAK
TIME.



SOME
PEOPLE CALL
US GUIDE
DOG
TRAINERS ...
BUT WE
DON'T CALL
OURSELVES
THAT.

WE ARE
THE
MOBILITY
INSTRUC-
TORS.



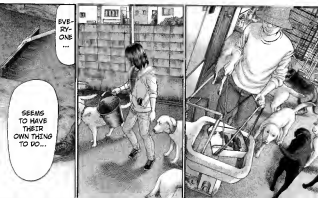
UHH...
YES...

TO ANYONE ELSE,
IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE JUST
PLAINLY
TAKING CARE OF
THE DOGS'
NEEDS...

IT'S
PRETTY
VAGUE,
RIGHT?

MOBILITY
INSTRUC-
TORS
...?

BUT...
HOW
SHOULD I
PUT
THIS...



EVE-
RY-
ONE
...

SEEMS
TO HAVE
THEIR
OWN THING
TO DO...



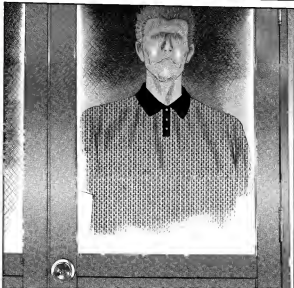




SOMETHING
I CAN
DO AS
WELL...



MR.
ZAKI!







JESUS!
THAT
LOOK
ON YOUR
FACE
PISSES
ME OFF!!

ARE YOU
JUST
MESSING
WITH
ME!?

WALKING GUIDE RECRUITMENT NOTICE

~REQUIREMENTS~

- BEING IN GOOD HEALTH
- BODY HEIGHT MORE THAN FIVE FEET
- NO PROBLEMS WITH SIGHT AND HEARING
- GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL
- A LOT OF PATIENCE

~PREFERRED QUALITIES~

自ら考え、学び、
BRING ABLE TO THINK
FOR YOURSELF, ...

~SELECTION~

1. 採用人数
付)を送付
2. 書類審査
後と

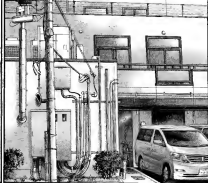
する人物を求めます。

写真・自筆の履歴書(写真貼

連絡し、而



MR.
ZAKI...



SHE EVEN HAD
SPARKLES IN
HER EYES
WHEN SHE
SAID SHE
WAS ENVIUS
ABOUT OUR
WORK.

SHE TOOK A
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR
APPLICATION
GUIDELINE WITH
HER BEFORE
SHE WENT HOME...
I'M A LITTLE
BIT WORRIED...



AND SHE
EVEN SEEMED
TO GET
EMOTIONAL
WHEN TOUCHING
THE DOGS...



THERE
MIGHT
HAVE
BEEN
A MIS-
UNDER-
STANDING
EARLIER
...

THE GIRL YOU
INVITED,
I HOPE SHE
WAS OKAY
...





YOU GOTTA
START
SOMEWHERE,
DON'T YOU
THINK....

MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR
EH...

HAHA
...





DREAM



PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE
GAZING AT ME WITH RESPECT.



ハースを
握りしめ
スタスタ
スタスタ
歩くのよ

PUTTING THEM ON
THE HARNESS, AND
TAKING THEM FOR
BRISK WALKS!

ほらね
スニーカーも
軽やかに
笑ってる

EVEN MY SNEAKERS
ARE SMILING, SEE?

BECAUSE
I AM A
GUIDE
DOG
WALKING
INSTRUCTOR!

YES!





BRISKLY
MOVING
FOR-
WARD,

THE CLEVER
DOG IS HAVING
A GOOD TIME
AS WELL!



HAVING
FOUND
SUCH A
WONDERFUL
JOB!

I FEEL
SO
HAPPY!



NAO GO STRAIGHT
GUIDE DOG TRAINER



ナオゴストレート
盲導犬歩行指導員







GOT-
TA
GO!!

NAO, YOU
SHOULD
TALK TO HER
ABOUT THAT
SOME TIME,
AS HER
OLDER
SISTER...

SHOULDN'T PARENTS
NORMALLY BE
INTERESTED AND
CONCERNED ABOUT
WHAT THEIR
DAUGHTERS
ARE DOING?

DANG,
THERE'S
DEFINITELY
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
MY PARENTS!

AH WELL,
NOT
THAT I
CARE...





I ALREADY
PASSED
THE PAPER
PRE-
SELECTIONS
WITHOUT
A PROBLEM
AFTER
ALL...



IF
I CAN
ONLY
MAKE
IT ON
TIME!

I'LL
BE
OKAY...



IN
ANY
CASE,

POW!



THERE'S NO
WAY THERE
WILL BE
A LOT OF
CANDIDATES!

FOR AN
UNKNOWN
JOB LIKE
BEING A
GUIDE
DOG
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR
...



THE
BEST
SHOULD
BE
EASY!

MADE
IT ON
TIME!



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Y-
YAMA-
ZAKI...
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE
?



A JOB
EVEN DOGS
CAN DO
HUH...?

ENTER HERE
FOR
PAPER TEST

HAHA,
SEEMS
LIKE
I GOT
HERE
FIRST.

THERE'S
STILL
TIME
BEFORE
THE START
OF THE
TEST...





アーン!!



...WHY ARE
THERE...

SO MANY
PEOPLE...

アーン...





UWA..
EXCUSE
ME, IS THAT
SEAT STILL
FREE?



BUT...
SERI-
OUS-
LY...

I DIDN'T
THINK
IT WOULD
BE THIS
WAY...



OH MAN...
LET'S
FIND A
SEAT
FIRST...



OF COURSE,
I'M ALSO
SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS
JOB...

BUT...
IT'S A JOB
WITH DOGS
AFTER ALL...
SO I THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE
OKAY TO WEAR
SOMETHING
CASUAL...





THEY DON'T
RECRUIT NEW
GUIDE DOG
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTORS
EVERY YEAR,
AFTER ALL...



I FEEL
REALLY
LUCKY
THAT
IT'S
THIS
YEAR...



THIS TEST
IS NOT
EVERY
YEAR?

EH?



OH?
YES,
I AM!



HIGH
SCHOOL
!?
SO HE'S
JUST...
18!?



I TOLD MY HIGH
SCHOOL TEACHER
I WOULDN'T LOOK
FOR ANOTHER
JOB, AND WOULD
STUDY FOR
ANOTHER YEAR TO
BE A MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR.

I MIGHT
BE A
LITTLE
BIT ON
THE
EDGE...

ON THE
RECRUITMENT
PAGE, IT DID
SAY YOU
HAD TO BE
GRADUATED
FROM HIGH
SCHOOL, BUT
ONLY UP TO 23
YEARS OLD...

I'M
ALREADY
23 YEARS
OLD...
NOW
THAT I
THINK
ABOUT
IT...



LOOKS
LIKE IT'LL
BE PRETTY
TOUGH
TO GET
THROUGH
THIS...

ON FIRST
GLANCE,
THERE
SEEM TO
BE ABOUT
40 PEOPLE
IN HERE.

AND
ONLY
A FEW
PEOPLE
WILL BE
ACCEPT-
ED.



I CAN SAY
WITH
CONFIDENCE
THAT I KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT DOGS...

SINCE I
WAS A KID,
I'VE BEEN
SLEEPING
IN A DOG
KENNEL!

I REALLY
LOVE
DOGS!
I AGREE
THEM...

I REALLY
REALLY
WANT TO
PASS
THIS
TEST!!



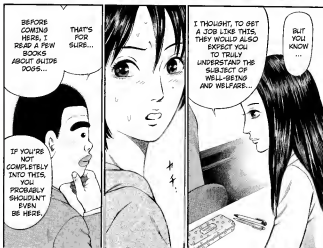


I'VE SEEN
TODAY'S
LITTLE
DOGGY* ON
TV.
THAT'S
ABOUT IT...

I'VE NEVER
EVEN HAD
A DOG...



I ALSO
USED TO
KEEP A
LABRADOR
RETRIEVER
AT HOME.



BEFORE
COMING
HERE, I
READ A FEW
BOOKS
ABOUT GUIDE
DOGS...

THAT'S
FOR
SURE...

IF YOU'RE
NOT
COMPLETELY
INTO THIS,
YOU
PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T
EVEN
BE HERE.

I THOUGHT, TO GET
A JOB LIKE THIS,
THEY WOULD ALSO
EXPECT YOU
TO TRULY
UNDERSTAND THE
SUBJECT OF
WELL-BEING
AND WELFARE...

BUT
YOU
KNOW
...

I DID DO SOME WORK AS A VOLUNTEER AT AN INSTITUTE, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK....

WHILE I WAS STUDYING SOCIAL WELFARE AT MY JUNIOR COLLEGE...

I USED TO BE QUITE WORRIED ABOUT HOW I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY, SO...

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THAT'S WHY I THINK
THIS JOB IS
WORTH DOING!
A JOB LIKE THIS,
WHERE WE CAN
UNDERSTAND PEOPLE,
HELP PEOPLE, AND
GROW AS A PERSON
OURSELVES TOO!

SO I STARTED
TO THINK THAT
SOCIAL WELFARE
IS A FIELD THAT
NEEDS TO EXPAND
MORE AND MORE
IN THIS
WORLD...

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THIS JOB IS
WORTH DOING!
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TO THINK THAT
SOCIAL WELFARE
IS A FIELD THAT
NEEDS TO EXPAND
MORE AND MORE
IN THIS
WORLD...

OH!
LUMMA!!



IF I CAN
SERVE MY
WHOLE LIFE,
DOING THIS
JOB, I MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
THINK THAT
THERE HAD
BEEN SOME
MEANING
IN BEING
BORN ON
THIS
PLANET.



INSIDE
MY HEAD,
EVERYTHING
WENT ALL
BLANK...

A SHORT
ESSAY...
AND AN
INTERVIEW
...

I'VE NEVER
STUDIED
A LOT, SO
I DON'T
KNOW ANY-
THING ABOUT
ANYTHING!!

I'M
THE
WORST!

I FEEL
SO DESPAR-
ATE...

IT
MAKES
ME SO
ANGRY
THAT I
COULD
BE SO
NAIVE...

I
HATE
MY-
SELF.

WHAT
SHOULD I
DO WITH
MYSELF,
REALLY...

書店・花壇・公園
Shoten・Kantō・Kōen

立ち読み禁止
Tachiyomi Jinshi



I GUESS YOU'LL
JUST SAY NOW THAT
YOU WERE JUST
ACTING LIKE YOU
WEREN'T
INTERESTED
EARLIER, AND
THAT YOU
WERE ACTUALLY
REALLY
WORRIED...

OH, PLEASE
DON'T ASK
ME ABOUT
THE
TEST!

HEY,
NAO!!



THIS
IS
BIG!!

REMI IS
GOING
INTO
SHOW
BUSI-
NESS
!!!



IN THAT
LAST
AUDITION,
I DIDN'T
GET
SELECTED
BUT,

YAY
!!

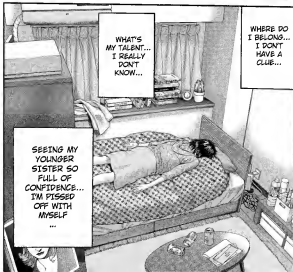
AT THAT
TIME,
THERE WAS
ANOTHER
PRODUCER
WATCHING,
AND HE
CONTACTED
ME!!

HUH?





**WHERE
THE HELL
DO I
BELONG,
GOD
DAMNIT!?**





CONGRATULATIONS
!!

YOU
PASSED!





I...



I
DID
IT!!



NAO KONNO,
PLEASE DO
YOUR BEST
WORKING
WITH US
AS A GUIDE
DOG
WALKING
INSTRUCTOR.



WHAT
IS A
GUIDE
DOG...

SIS...

STEP
4

BRAVE





DON'T YOU
THINK MOVING
RIGHT ON THE
DAY BEFORE
THE FIRST DAY
OF YOUR NEW
JOB IS A
LITTLE
BIT TOO
WILD?!







I'M
GOING
HOME.



**I
CAN
DO
IT!!**



OH...
WAIT...



DON'T
LEAVE ME
HERE
ALONE...



BYE-
BYE!
GOOD
LUCK!

SINCE I'M
A NEW
TALENT AND
ALL, I'M
PRETTY
BUSY
MYSELF
TOO.

I
STILL
GOTTA
PASS
BY THE
OFFICE
TODAY.



I'VE NEVER
EVEN HAD A
DOG...
AND THE
REASON THEY
GAVE ME FOR
PASSING WAS
PRETTY
VAGUE...

I FEEL
SO
UNEASY
ABOUT
IT ALL...

TO BE
HONEST,
I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT
SOCIAL
WELFARE...

THIS SUCKS...

WHAT SHOULD
I DO?

WAS THIS
ALL A
MISTAKE...?

DID YOU
FORGET
SOMETHING
REMY?

I HOPE
YOU
STAY
JUST A
BIT
LONGER
TO HELP
ME OUT!!

DING
DONG

DING
DONG

DING
DONG







LOOKS LIKE
YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN
UNPACKED
EVERYTHING
YET, NAO.

OH,
OH?



ARE
YOU
ALRIGHT
WITH
THIS?

ISNT
TOMORROW
ALREADY
YOUR FIRST
DAY?



BECA-
USE,
AFTER
ALL
...

I'M
HAVING A
LOT OF
ANXIETY...

YAMA-
ZAKI
...



AND I
HAVE AN
ANNOYING
PERSON-
ALITY...

I'VE NEVER
EVER FELT
CONFIDENT
ABOUT
ANYTHING...



IS THAT
HOW YOU
REACT WHEN
PEOPLE ARE
BEING
SERIOUS
FOR
ONCE?!

I'LL
SMACK
YOU IN
THE
FACE!!



WHAHA-
HAHA
HAHAHA
HAHA
!!

WHAHA-
HAHA
HAHAHA
HAHA
!!



DO YOU
WANT TO
PLAY A
LITTLE
GAME
WITH ME,
NAO?

YAKITORI
a
CHICKEN
ON
A STICK.



IF I
LOSE, I'LL
TREAT YOU
TO THE
YAKITORI
YOU LOVE
SO MUCH.

COME
ON,
LET'S
GO!









Y-
YAMA-
ZAKI...

SO,
NAO

I WON'T
STEP
FARTHER
THAN ONE
METER FROM
YOU



THEN DON'T
JUST CALL
THIS A
GAME WHERE
I CAN WIN
SOME
YAKITORI!!

IS ALL
THIS JUST
TO SHOW ME
THAT YOUR
SITUATION
IS MORE
DIFFICULT
THAN MINE?!

HAHA...
I
WONDER...

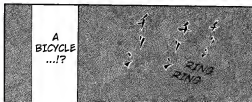


BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN HE CAN ACT
LIKE MY BOSS,
RIGHT?

IT PISSES ME
OFF!!

OF COURSE,
MY WORRIES
MUST SEEM
TINY COMPARED
TO HIS
SITUATION...

GEEZ...
THAT
REALLY
PISSES
ME
OFF...







WHERE

...

WHERE
AM
I...?



I CAN'T
DO THIS!
I JUST
CAN'T!!

OH-
HH!!



NAO,
YOU
CAN...

YAMA-
ZAKI
....!!

YOU
CAN,
NAO!



AH!



I-
I'M
SORRY
!!



HUH?

**SHUT
UP!!
I HATE
YOU!!**





YOU
WIN.



BUT
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...



WHETHER
YOU'RE
BLIND
OR NOT...

WHEREVER
PEOPLE ARE,
THERE WILL
BE WORRIES...



PANT

PANT

PANT



YOU HAD THE
COURAGE TO
TAKE A STEP
FORWARD!





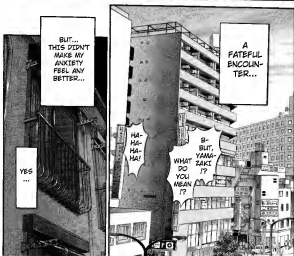
HAHAHA,
DIDN'T THAT
JUST BLOW
YOU AWAY?



BY THE
WAY,
NAO...



I USED
TO BE
A GUIDE
DOG
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR.



WHO IS
THAT
GUY...?

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN
...

YAMAZAKI
WAS
A GUIDE
DOG
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR
...







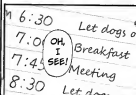
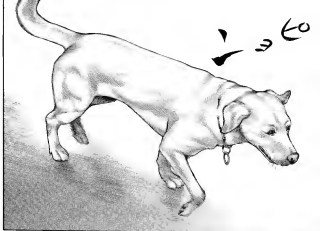
ONE SMALL STEP

AM 6:30 Let dogs out 
7:00 Breakfast
7:45 Meeting
8:30 Let dogs out
PM 12:00 Lunch
13:00 Let dogs out
16:20 Let dogs out
18:30 Dinner
21:00 Let dogs out











LEARN FROM
WHAT YOU SEE
US DO, AND TRY
TO DO THE
SAME.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



WE FIRST
HAVE TO LET
ALL THE
MALES OUT,
RIGHT?

SEN-
PAI!

NOTE: SENPAI
IS TITLE USED
WHEN A
NEW PERSON
ADDRESSSES
SOMEONE
WITH MORE
EXPERIENCE.



IT'S THAT
"POTATOH-AD-BOY"
FROM THE
SELECTION TEST...
HE SEEMS
PRETTY
AGGRESSIVE...



BO-
BOO!!



THAT ELITE
PRINCESS
IS ALSO
GOING WITH
BAGGINESS
RIGHT
FROM THE
FIRST DAY...

OH
...

I CAN'T
ALLOW
MYSELF
TO FALL
BEHIND!



GOT
IT!

カニカ

SO THIS
GIRL WITH
THE GLASSES IS
THE LAST ONE
OF THE FOUR
THAT PASSED
THE SELECTION
TEST...

Y-
YES!

LET'S
DO
OUR
BEST
TOO!

...THEY'RE
HEAVIER
THAN I
EXPECTED
...

UH...
WOW,
THESE
DOORS
...

DANG

SO... IF I HEARD
THIS CORRECTLY,
WE HAVE TO LET
THE DOGS OUT OF
THESE CAGES FIVE
TIMES A DAY...
AND THERE ARE
ABOUT SIXTY
DOGS EVERY
TIME...



COME ON! QUICK, LET ME OUT!













HE GOT
PRESCRIBED
ALBENDAZOLE,
TWO TIMES
A DAY, FOR
THREE
DAYS...

YESTERDAY,
ADRIAN WAS
TAKEN TO
THE VETERIN-
ARIAN.



THEN,
LET'S ALL
DO OUR
BEST T-

IF
THERE'S
NOTHING
ELSE...



I'M BAD
AT
EXPRES-
SING
MYSELF...

WHEN-
EVER
I HAVE
TO
INTRO-
DUCE
MYSELF,
I FEEL
LIKE
RUNNING
AWAY...



YES,
TRAINING
CHIEF
KANAKO?

WAIT,
THERE'S
ONE
THING
...

THIS IS IT!
THE MOMENT WE
WILL HAVE TO
GREET EVERYONE
AND INTRODUCE
OURSELVES!!

THERE ARE
FOUR NEW
FACES WHO
PASSED THE
SELECTION
TEST...

NAO
KON-
NO.

AND

JURI
TAMA-
KI.

SEI-
RA
KUMI-
HI-
KINO.

HAR-
UO
OKA.

peace

AS YOU
ALL
KNOW...

AH...
THAT'S
NOT
NECES-
SARY...

HHH

...

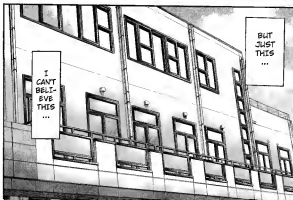
...LEARNING
MANY
DIFFERENT
THINGS.

FOR THE
COMING FIVE
YEARS,
THEY
WILL BE
WORKING
AS
TRAIN-
EES...

FIVE
YEARS

...

...
AS
TRAIN-
EES!?





FIVE
YEARS...
FIVE
WHOLE
YEARS,
EVERY
DAY...



I'LL BE
TWENTY-
EIGHT
BY THAT
TIME...

RYOH



LEARN-
ING
STUFF
AS A
TRAINEE



...IT'S NOT
EVEN SURE
THAT WE'LL
BE ABLE TO
BECOME
INSTRUCTORS,
IF WE'RE
NOT FIT
FOR IT.

AFTER
THESE
FIVE
YEARS
...

AND
EVEN
SO...



AM I
GOING
TO BE
OKAY...?

DAMN...
I HAD NO
IDEA THAT
IT WOULD
BE LIKE
THIS...



I'M
19.

UWAH...
SO JUNE,
HOW OLD
ARE YOU?



EVERY DAY,
ALL THREE
MEALS
HERE...

WE HAVE TO
FINISH
SETTING THE
TABLES
BEFORE THE
OTHERS
COME!

Y-
YES!



AFTER
FIVE
YEARS...
SHE'LL
STILL
ONLY
BE
24!!

OH
MAN!!

BUT WHEN
ARE WE
GOING TO
BE PUT IN
CHARGE OF
OUR OWN
DOG...?

WHEN DO
WE GET
TO DO
WALKING
TRAINING
...?

I DON'T REALLY
MIND SHOPPING
FOR YOGURT,
MILK, BREAD
AND
BANANAS...



TH-
THANK...
YOU...

LET ME
HELP YOU
WITH THAT!
IF THERE'S A
LIGHT ONE...!!



NAO,
WELCOME
BACK!





R-
RIGHT
...

EH
...

D-
DREAM
...?



TO-
WARDS
OUR
DREAM
!!

LET'S
DO OUR
BEST,
NAO!



I ALSO...
HAVE TO
DO MY
BEST...

THIS
GIRL
ALSO
THOUGHT
CAREFULLY
ABOUT
IT.

I SEE
...
HOW
COULD
IT BE
OTHER-
WISE...

THIS
IS THE
PLACE OF
HER
DREAMS...?



I CAN'T
GO ANY
FURTHER...
MY
ARMS...
THEY
ARE AL-
READY AT
THEIR
LIMIT...

AAH
...



LILI-
AH!



YOU JUST
OPEN
THE CASE,
AND PUT
THE FOOD
INSIDE.

GOT
IT!



TO ME,
IT FEELS
KIND OF...
AS IF THE
DOGS ARE
TRYING TO
ENCOURAGE
US...

SO...
WE'LL BE
HEARING THIS
SOUND EVERY
DAY FROM
NOW ON...







THE
PLACE
WHERE
I
BELONG









WHY AM I
CLEANING
OUT THE
BATH?

STEP
6

READING PART



BUT ARE WE
REALLY GOING
TO BE ABLE TO
BECOME DOG
INSTRUCTORS LIKE
THIS!?

NOT
THAT
I
MIND
...



HA-
HAH
...



THE QUESTION
IS HOW LONG
THEY CAN KEEP
THAT UP.
THAT SHOWS
THE REAL QUALITY
OF THEIR
SPIRIT.

ANYONE WHO
JUST ENTERED
IS FULL OF
GOOD HOPE
AND
PASSION.



TO SEE
HOW MANY
OF THEM
WILL
REMAIN
HUH...

HEHE...



FOR THE ONES
WHO ACTUALLY
BECOME
FULL-FLEDGED
DOG INSTRUCTORS...
IT SHOULD BE
SOMEWHERE
AROUND THAT
PERCENTAGE.

YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT,
LOOKING
AT ALL THE
YEARS WE'VE
SEEN HERE...



RATE OF
SURVIVAL:
25%!



OF
COURSE...



OF COURSE,
WE HAVE HIGH
EXPECTATIONS
FOR EVERYONE
THAT PASSED
THE TEST.



...AND THE
OTHER
THREE WILL
HAVE THEIR
DREAMS
CRUSHED...

SO FROM
THE FOUR
NEWBIES,
ONLY ONE
WILL
REMAIN...



WE HAVE HIGH
EXPECTATIONS
FOR THE BONUS
GIRL YOU
SPONSORED
AS WELL...



SO,
YOU'RE
REALLY
DONE
WITH IT
HUH...



BUT IF
THERE'S
ANYWHERE
I FORGOT,
I'M REALLY
SORRY
AND I WILL
DO THAT
RIGHT
AWAY!

I-
I JUST DID
WHAT I WAS
TOLD...
I TRIED TO
DO IT AS
BEST I
COULD...



MR.
MR.
KITA-
INI!

I
SEE
...



HIS NAME
IS HIKARU
KITAIN,
AND HE
HAS WORKED
HERE FOR
TEN YEARS
AS A GUIDE
DOG
TRAINER.

NO, IF
YOU THINK
IT'S GOOD
ENOUGH,
THEN IT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH.

THIS
COOL
LOOKING
GUY IS
ONE OF THE
PEOPLE IN
CHARGE
OF US NEW
TRAINEES...

IF THERE'S
ANYTHING I CAN
DO BETTER,
PLEASE JUST
GO AHEAD AND
TELL ME, AND
I WILL CORRECT
IT!!

NO NO,
PLEASE
CHECK IF
IT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
CLEANED
IT,
SO YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
BEST.

HE'S
ONE
OF
THOSE
GUYS
THAT
IS
IMPOS-
SIBLE
TO
READ.



HE SAID
IT...

I GOT
CALLED
ANNOYING
AGAIN...

YOU'RE
ANNOY-
ING.

SO
PERSIST-
ENT...



SINCE YOU'RE
IN CHARGE OF
US, SHOULDN'T
YOU TELL US
IN DETAIL
WHAT YOU
EXPECT OF
US?!

IT'S JUST
A CLEANING
JOB!
WHY ARE
YOU MAKING
SUCH A BIG
DEAL OUT
OF IT?!



H-
HEY,,
WAIT A
SECOND,
MR.
KITAH!



WHAT
DOES
HE WANT
TO SAY?!

WHAT
DOES
HE
MEAN
BY
THAT...!

OUT
...



EVERY-
THING
IS SO
SHINY!!

WHOA,
IT
LOOKS
NICE
IN
HERE!!



...!?



I GUESS
YOU'LL
BE
OUT...



BUT THERE'S
NO SENSE IN
GETTING ALL
HEATED UP OVER
THOSE LITTLE
JOBS BEFORE YOU
EVEN BECOME A
GUIDE DOG
INSTRUCTOR!

I KNOW YOU
ARE NEW
HERE SO
YOU ARE
EXPECTED TO
WORK YOUR
BUTT OFF
EVEN WITH
YOUR CLEANING
DUTIES...



SO...
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO...

THERE
ARE A
LOT OF
STRANGE
PEOPLE
HERE...



WHOA,
THE
FLOOR
LOOKS
LIKE A
MIRROR!

A HOT
BLOODED
GUY,
KEITA
KOMIYA,
ALSO HERE
FOR TEN
YEARS, JUST
LIKE MR.
KITAIN.





I CAN'T
TAKE
THIS
ANY
LONGER!

I ALWAYS
CLEAN JUST
THE WAY
I'M TOLD,
BUT STILL
HE ALWAYS
FINDS
FAULT
SOME-
WHERE.

...AND
I FEEL
REALLY
BULLIED
BY MR.
KITAIN!



HE JUST
HAS A
MEAN
PERSON-
ALITY,
THAT'S
IT!!



PEOPLE WHO
TRAIN DOGS
WOULDN'T
BULLY
OTHERS!

J-JURI,
THERE HAS
TO BE A
REASON
BEHIND IT!

I WAS
TOLD I'D
BE 'OUT'
...



SSHH
!!

D-DON'T WORRY!
I'M HERE WITH
YOU, YOU KNOW!

I WANT
TO QUIT
...





DON'T
WORRY,
JUST
KEEP ON
GOING
STRAIGHT.



SHE'S
NEVER
SAID A
WORD TO
ME
THOUGH...

SHE
ALWAYS
LOOKS
RESOLUTE
AND TO
THE POINT.
A VERY
COOL LADY.



MS.
KAORI
ISOGAI,
A GUIDE
DOG
INSTRU-
CTOR
FOR
ELEVEN
YEARS.



I CAN'T
KEEP FROM
FEELING
NERVOUS
WHEN I SEE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

I HELD
MY
BREATH
BY
ACCIDENT
!!



GASP
!!



I JUST FELT
REALLY CLEAR
AGAIN HOW MUCH
MEANING THERE
IS TO THIS
JOB...



THIS ISN'T
JUST A
PLACE WHERE
DOGS ARE
TRAINED...



WHEN BLIND PEOPLE
COME TO THE CENTER
FOR A FOUR WEEK
PERIOD, THE
INSTRUCTORS HAVE TO
SHOW THEM WHAT DAILY
LIFE WITH A GUIDE
DOG BY THEIR SIDE
DAY AND NIGHT
IS REALLY LIKE!

THE INSTRUCTORS
AT THIS
CENTER WHO
ARE HERE FOR
THE BLIND
GUESTS...



A black and white illustration of a person walking away from the viewer down a long, dimly lit hallway. The person is silhouetted against the bright light coming from a doorway at the end of the hallway. The walls are textured and the floor is reflective.

I'M DIFFERENT
FROM THE OTHERS,
NOT KNOWING
ANYTHING ABOUT
THIS JOB
REALLY...
AND PLUS, I AM
ALMOST AT
THE AGE LIMIT
AND BARELY
PASSED THE
TEST...

WE CAN'T
DO
ANYTHING
MORE
THAN
OUR
BEST...

A black and white illustration of a row of metal lockers in a school setting. The lockers are tall and narrow, with some having small windows or vents. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the right side.

DO WE
HAVE TO
GO
RIGHT
HERE...?





HOW
CAN
HE...!?

WHY ARE
YOU ASKING
ME?
I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING.

W-
WELL
THEN...
TO THE
LEFT
THEN
PLEASE.

THE DOG
THAT'S HERE
FOR YOU WILL
GLADLY GUIDE
YOU IN THE
DIRECTION
YOU WANT TO
GO.

YOU
NEED
TO HAVE
SOME
CONFIDENCE.

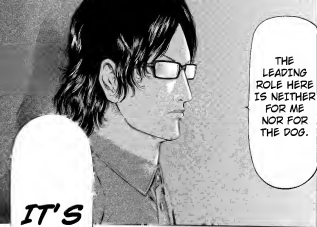
SOMEONE
HAS TO
SAY
SOME-
THING
HERE
...!!

HEY
...

THE
DECISIONS
ARE YOURS
TO MAKE.

BUT,





THE
LEADING
ROLE HERE
IS NEITHER
FOR ME
NOR FOR
THE DOG.

**IT'S
FOR
YOU.**





HM?

THEN
IT MUST
BE
FINE.



IF
THERE'S
ANYTHING
I CAN DO
BETTER,
PLEASE
TELL
ME!!

I DID
THE
CLEANING
JUST AS
I WAS
TOLD!

IS THERE A
POSSIBILITY
...

THAT I
WAS
WRONG...?



I NEVER EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT TRYING
TO TAKE
ACTION AND
DO THINGS
ON MY OWN...

A PETTY
JOB LIKE
CLEANING
...

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
JUST
BECAUSE
WE'RE
THE NEW
ONES
THAT WE
HAD TO DO
SUCH A
JOB...



WHEN
TRAINING
THE DOGS,
WHEN
GUIDING
THE
STUDENTS...

BECAUSE,
WE HAVE
TO BE ABLE
TO WORK
INDEPENDENTLY
LIKE OUR
SEMPAI,

THIS IS A WORLD
WHERE I CAN'T
SURVIVE UNLESS
I BRING OUT
MY REAL SELF....!!

OR,
AT
LEAST
I
GUESS
SO...

THIS PLACE
IS
DIFFERENT
FROM ANY
PLACE I'VE
EVER
WORKED
BEFORE...



IT MEANS...
WE
SHOULDN'T
JUST WAIT
FOR
SOMEONE
TO TELL
US WHAT
TO DO...



A WORLD WHERE
I HAVE TO MAKE
DECISIONS
FOR MYSELF...
THAT'S SO SCARY...
WILL I BE ABLE
TO DO THAT...

I JUST
SAID
ALL
THAT...

BUT I
ACTUALLY
GOT
MORE
ANXIOUS
MYSELF...







FRIENDLY



AH
...

I HAVE TO WASH
MY FACE, CHANGE
CLOTHES AND
BRUSH MY TEETH
ALL IN TEN
MINUTES.
IN ORDER TO
BE ON TIME TO
LET THE DOGS
OUT AT SIX
THIRTY.



WAKING
UP AT
SIX
O'CLOCK
EVERY
MOR-
NING.



CAM-
EM-
BERT
...

APO-
LLO
...

IF YOU
HAVE A GOOD
MEMORY,
YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
WITHIN A
MONTH.

THE NEW
TRAINEES
SHOULD START
BY LEARNING
EACH AND
EVERY OF THE
SIXTY DOGS'
NAMES
PERFECTLY.

MOBILITY INSTRUCTOR
FOR 11 YEARS

KAORI ISOGAI

IT'S ONLY THE
FIRST TIME
SINCE WE GOT
HERE THAT WE
GET TO SEE
ALL SIXTY
DOGS LIKE
THIS.

A
GOOD
MEMO-
RY?











HIHI,
YOU'RE
CUTE!

THIS
FEELS GOOD!
IT'S THE FIRST
TIME A DOG HAS
EVER LIKED ME
THIS MUCH!

HERE AT
THE CENTER,
ALL
INSTRUCTION
WORDS
TOWARDS
THE DOGS
ARE IN
ENGLISH.

NO...?
ARE WE
DOING
SOME-
THING
WRONG
THEN?



**CHOKO,
NO!!**



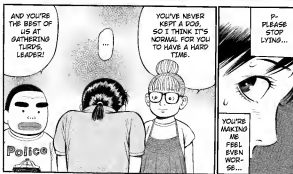
CHOKO IS
ONE OF THE
DOGS THAT
MR. KITAIN
IS IN
CHARGE
OF.

SO
HE PROBABLY
HATES SEEING
CHOKO LIKE
ME SO MUCH.



NOTES: EVEN IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE, THE ENGLISH 'NO' IS BEING USED.













MAYBE
I SHOULD
INFORM
YOUR
SUPERI-
ORS...



AND
YOU'RE
SKIP-
PING
WORK.



Y-



YAMAZAKI
!!



HELP,
SOME-
ONE!!

H-HEY!!
THERE ARE
SO MANY
THINGS I
WANT TO
ASK YOU!!

JUST
TELL ME
WHO YOU
REALLY
ARE!



WHAT
IS UP
WITH
THIS
GUY
...

WHAT
THE...



HMM
...



A PERSON
NAMED NAO
KONNO IS
PICKING ON
THE WEAK!!

EVERY-
ONE
WHO
CAN
HEAR
THIS!!



!

GEEZ,
PEOPLE
AREN'T
THAT
DIFFERENT
FROM
DOGS,
ARE THEY?



Y-
YAMA-
ZAKI
...

JUST LIKE
THAT, THERE
ARE ALSO THE
ONES WHO READ
OTHER PEOPLE'S
THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS.
THAT'S JUST
THEIR OWN
UNIQUENESS,
NOTHING MORE
OR LESS.



LIKE
THERE
ARE THE
SERIOUS
STUB-
BORN
ONES.
THERE
ARE
ALSO
THE
ONES
LOAFING
AROUND.



SO MANY
DIFFERENT
FACCS, IT'S
ALMOST
REDICU-
LOUS...

SO MANY
DIFFERENT
PERSONAL-
ITIES, SO
MANY DIF-
FERENT
LIFE-
STYLES...



ONCE
YOU NOTICE
IT, YOU'LL
START
LAUGHING.
IT'S FUNNY
REALLY...

EVERYONE
IS DIFFERENT
FROM ANOTHER.
THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'LL
FIND TWO THAT
ARE EXACTLY
THE SAME...



LOOKING
AT PEOPLE'S
FACES, I
ALWAYS END
UP ANALYSING
THEIR
THOUGHTS
AND
FEELINGS...

THAT'S
THE PART
OF
MYSELF
I HATE...

IS THAT
JUST...
MY UNIQUE
POINT...?



IF YOU
WATCH
CLOSE-
LY...

I SEE...
IT'S
THE
SAME
AS
WITH
PEOPLE
...



EVERYONE
IS DIF-
FERENT
FROM
ANOTHER...

EVERYONE
IS
DIFFER-
ENT...

IT'S JUST AN
OBVIOUS FACT
THAT NO ONE
IS EXACTLY THE
SAME!



OH...
SOME
HAVE LONG
HAIR, AND
SOME HAVE
SHORTER
HAIR...

AS THERE
ARE ONES
WITH A
BIG BODY,
THERE
ARE ALSO
ONES WITH
A SMALL
BODY...



TO
START
OFF,
THEIR
APPEAR-
ANCE...



THIS IS
PERON!
HE'S LEGS
ARE
SHORTER
THAN THE
OTHERS!

I
SEE
...

EVEN THOUGH
THEY'RE ALL
LABRADORS,
IT'S OBVIOUS
THAT SOME
ARE BLACK
AND SOME
ARE YELLOW...



HE HAS A
LITTLE PATCH
OF BLACK UNDER
THE TIP OF HIS
NOSE, JUST
LIKE A LITTLE
MUSTACHE...

AND
PRO-
FES-
SOR!



THE
KING
OF
LONG
TONG-
UES
HUH
...

I
THINK HIS
TONGUE IS
LONGER
THAN THE
OTHERS.

CHAR-
LIE,



HIS
EYES
ARE
DROO-
PING
...

HAM-
MER,



BOTH HIS EYES
AND EYEBROWS
ARE VERY PALE,
AS IF HE'S
SOME KIND OF
DANDY...

AND
CAB-
SAR,



I GUESS
THAT'S
ALSO THE
SAME AS
WITH
PEOPLE...

AND IF IT'S
HARD TO PIN
THEM DOWN
FROM THEIR
APPEARANCE,
I LOOK AT
THEIR
PERSONALITY
OR HABITS...



IT ALL
MAKES
SENSE!



HE ALWAYS
PUMPS
IT IN THE
SAME
LOCATION.

HOS-
ARTH.



HE'S ALWAYS
ENERGETIC AND
MISCHIEVOUS...
HE ALWAYS
DABBLES IN
OTHER DOGS'
BUSINESS...

KNUC-
KLE.



HE'S ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR
A SUNNY SPOT
TO RELAX...

LIN-
DON.



HE'S ALWAYS
KEEPING AN
EYE OUT
FROM
BEHIND THAT
FELLAR.

RUFUS.



I
SEE!!





**CHOKO,
NO!!**



OH...
BUT...
BUT...
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!



NO
MEANS
NO!

IT'S JUST
THAT WE
GET ALONG
WELL...
I DON'T
MEAN TO
DO...



DO YOU WANT
CHOKO TO
END UP
DISQUALIFIED!?



THAT MEANS,
TO BE
JUDGED
UNSUITABLE
TO BECOME
A GUIDE
DOG.



M-
MS.
ISO-
GAI...



D-
DIS-
QUALI-
FIED!?

HOW DO
YOU THINK
THAT WOULD
WORK OUT
FOR THE
PERSON HE
HAS TO BE
GUIDING...?

IF FOR
EXAMPLE,
A DOG
HAS THE
TENDENCY
OF JUMPING
ON TO
PEOPLE
LIKE THAT
ALL THE
TIME...

BUT
...

THESE DOGS
ARE ALL IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THEIR
TRAINING TO
BECOME FULL-
FLEDGED GUIDE
DOGS.



...WHETHER
THE DOG CAN
BECOME A
GUIDE DOG
OR NOT.

WHAT WE
MOBILITY
INSTRUCTORS
MUST MAKE
SURE IS...

YES...
IT WOULD
BECOME THE
CAUSE OF
ACCIDENTS.

THIS DOG
IS RUNNING
THE DANGER
OF BECOMING
DISQUALIFIED

...

AT THIS
TIME, IT'S
NOT TOO
LATE YET,
MS.
KONNO...

NEITHER
FOR
CHOWO,
NOR FOR
YOU.

IN OTHER
WORDS...
THE
DOGS HERE
SHOULDN'T
BE HANDLED
LIKE PETS.



IF HE'S
BEING
NICE TO
ME...



MAKE IT
YOUR
GOAL!

盲導犬 步行指導員

MOBILITY INSTRUCTOR STEP1

SPEND ONE DAY WITH A TRAINEE!

NAO AIMS TO BE A MOBILITY INSTRUCTOR AND STRIVES WITH ALL HER MIGHT EVERY DAY. THIS IS A USEFUL MOBILITY INSTRUCTORS TRAINING PLAN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE DREAM OF BECOMING ONE, OR THOSE WHO JUST HAVE A CASUAL INTEREST!

* THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BASED ON THE DATA WE GATHERED. HOWEVER THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES IN EACH GROUP OR CHANGES ACCORDING TO THE SEASON. PLEASE ENJOY THIS AS AN IMAGINARY DAY!





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MOBILITY
INSTRUCTOR
ONE DAY
WITH A
TRAINEE

IN THE SIRIUS GUIDE DOG CENTER I'VE ENTERED IN,
THE FIRST 5 YEARS ARE SPENT AS A TRAINEE.
THEY GRADUALLY LEARN MOBILITY INSTRUCTOR
TECHNIQUES WHILE WORKING IN THE CENTER.
I SPENT A BUSY DAY WITH ONE OF THE TRAINEES
AIMING TO BECOME A MOBILITY INSTRUCTOR
AFTER 5 YEARS, AND FOLLOWED THEIR WORK.



A WALK WITH THE DOGS

犬出し

6:30

(1回目)
FIRST TIME

TRAINEES ALWAYS GET UP EARLY
IN THE MORNING. THEY GO TO THE
CENTER AT 6:30 AND TAKE OUT THE
DOGS FOR THE FIRST WALK OF
THE DAY.

THEY TAKE THE 60 DOGS OUT THAT
LIVE IN THE DOGHOUSE TO GIVE
THEM EXERCISE AND MAKE THEM
DO A WALK. AT THE BEGINNING THE
TRAINEES ARE EXHAUSTED FROM
JUST DOING THIS AS THE DOG
CAGES ARE SO HEAVY.

THEY CALL THE DOGS BY SAYING
"ONE-TWO" TO STIMULATE
THEIR SECRETORY PROCESS AND
PICK UP THEIR EXCREMENTS
IMMEDIATELY.

IN THIS MOMENT, THE TRAINEES
HAVE TO DO ONE OF THEIR MOST
IMPORTANT JOBS: MATCH THE
DOG'S FACE TO HIS/HER NAME.



7:00

朝食

BREAKFAST

SETTING BREAKFAST IS ONE IMPORTANT TASK. THE TRAINEES PREPARE THE BREAKFAST FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED PUPILS WHO ARE GUIDED BY THE DOGS, PUTTING THE FOOD ON THE TABLE IN THE RIGHT POSITION. SITTING WITH THE PUPILS THEY CAN LEARN HOW TO INTERACT WHILE TAKING CARE OF REFILLS, TEA ETC. TRAINEES EAT OF THEIR THREE MEALS AT THE CENTER.



A WALK WITH THE DOGS

8:30

犬出し

(2回目)

SECOND TIME

THE SECOND WALK WITH THE DOGS. THIS TIME, BOTH TRAINEES AND PROFESSIONALS PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY IN ORDER TO CLEAN THE CAGES AND THE DOGHOUSE. KEEPING THE DOGS' ENVIRONMENT CLEAN IS AN IMPORTANT TASK. AFTER THAT, MOBILITY INSTRUCTORS START DOING THEIR TEACHING JOB, BUT TRAINEES STILL HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO.



12:00

昼食

LUNCH



A WALK WITH THE DOGS

13:00

犬出し

(3回目)

THIRD TIME





SAYING THAT "A TRAINEE'S DAY STARTS WITH CLEANING AND ENDS WITH CLEANING" IS NO EXAGGERATION. THEY CLEAN THOROUGHLY EVEN THE SMALLEST CORNERS OF THE CENTER DURING THE TIME BETWEEN DOG WALKING AND BATING. THIS KEEPS THE CENTER CLEAN AND ALSO HELPS THE TRAINEES TO LEARN TO ACT AUTONOMOUSLY AND TO FOSTER THEIR POWERS OF OBSERVATION, AND SO THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN.



WHILE LEARNING THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE TO DO IN THE CENTER, THEY ALSO GRADUALLY LEARN HOW TO TRAIN DOGS BY STAYING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE GUIDE DOG INSTRUCTORS. THEY TAKE NOTES AND ASK AFTERWARDS IF THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING MOMENTS OF A TRAINEE'S BUSY DAY.



エサやり FEEDING

16:00

DOGS EAT ONCE EVERY DAY. TRAINEES PREPARE THE FOOD FOR EVERY DOG TOGETHER WITH THE GUIDE DOG INSTRUCTORS. THEY PUT A BOWL FILLED WITH FOOD IN EVERY DOG CAGE, AND WHEN THE DOGS FINISH EATING, THEY RETRIEVE IT. EVEN WASHING THE BOWLS IS AN IMPORTANT TASK.



犬出し

A WALK WITH THE DOGS

16:20

(4回目)

FOURTH TIME



18:30

夕食

DINNER

GENERALLY THE SENIOR GUIDE DOG INSTRUCTORS GO BACK HOME AT 18:00, HOWEVER THE TRAINEES EAT FOR A THIRD TIME AT THE CENTER.

IF THERE IS ANY PUPIL BEING GUIDED, THEY WILL SIT TOGETHER WITH THEIR INSTRUCTOR, AS THEY HAVE DONE FOR BREAKFAST. WHEN THERE'S NO PUPIL IN THE CENTER, TRAINEES EAT TOGETHER WITH THE SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ON NIGHT DUTY.



21:00

犬出し

A WALK WITH THE DOGS

(5回目)

FIFTH TIME

THIS IS THE LAST WALK FOR THE DAY. THE TRAINEE AND THE SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ON NIGHT DUTY TAKE THE 60 DOGS OUTSIDE. AFTER A FEW MONTHS, WHEN A TRAINEE HAS TO STAY ON NIGHT DUTY, HE HAS TO TAKE OUT 60 DOGS BY HIMSELF.



22:00

帰宅・就寝

GO BACK HOME
GO TO SLEEP

MANY NEWCOMERS ARE ON THEIR LAST LEGS. THEY ARE SO EXHAUSTED THAT THEY FALL ASLEEP AS SOON AS THEY REACH THEIR HOME ENTRANCE AND SLEEP LIKE A LOG WITHOUT DREAMING. HOWEVER, THEY'RE HAPPY FOR THE THINGS THEY COULD DO IN THE CENTER THE WHOLE DAY.

DO YOUR BEST, NAO! GO STRAIGHT!



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